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Via ECFS  
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to  
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

I strongly urge you not to approve de-regulation called for in the US Telecom petition.

I currently subscribe to a local ISP (Sonic.net) and really appreciate the quality of their service and reasonable service cost. Approving the US Telecom petition will enable the major US Telecoms to increase costs of internet and telephone services and stifle competition of smaller competitors.

The broadband service I receive from Sonic is critical for my family in terms of online school (college) accessibility for my children, and for when I work from home.

Please leave the door open for small telecom/ISP providers to continue to innovate and provide competitive services.

Thanks,

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